



Diana Muntigl

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Diana Muntigl was born April 5, 1953 in Austria. She immigrated to Canada at the age of five and grew up in Montreal. Diana loved to garden from a very early age and has always felt passionate about education. After completing her Associate of Arts Degree at McGill University, she and her husband Ron moved first to Vancouver, then Whitehorse, Agassiz, and finally Mission, where their son Ryan was born in 1980.

A strong believer in lifelong learning and continuing education, Diana enrolled at UCFV in the 1980s to take graphic design and adult education courses. It was at this time that she first got involved with volunteering through the Mission Heritage Association and found that working alongside Norma Kenney, "The Velvet Steamroller," was both an education and an inspiration.

Diana continued her community involvement in the 80s and 90s with volunteer work for the Mission Arts Council, Mission Museum, and Friends of Hatzic Rock. For more than 15 years, she also served on various arts and cultural committees for the District of Mission and was involved with the establishment of the current Arts & Cultural Commission.

In 1996 Diana became the co-coordinator at Mission's Lifetime Learning Centre, an association that works to promote third age education and active aging, where she still works today under the title of executive director.

She played a large part in the production of the documentary "A Flood of Memories," which refers to the Fraser Valley flood of 1948. It was filmed by the KNOWLEDGE network and won honorable mention at the Columbus, Ohio International Film Festival. "The work that was put into this documentary paid off down the road many times," says Diana, as the Ministry of the Environment has since upgraded the local dyking system. In addition, she spear-headed Lifetime Learning's *Writers and Readers Festival*, which was awarded a MUSE award by the District of Mission in 2011 and an oral history program in 1999.

An advocate of whole body wellness and active aging, Diana feels strongly about remaining active throughout one's life. She describes her greatest accomplishment as the work she has achieved through Lifetime Learning Centre in partnership with countless others in the community.

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